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(*b*) the total amount which would have been required for the sanction of all the scholarships applied for; and

(*c*) how many students (boys and girls) were not sanctioned?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Forty-thousand and two hundred and thirty-nine students belonging to eligible communities applied for scholarships and of them 17,336 were given the scholarships; scholarships are granted with regard to the applicant's poverty and merit and other conditions prescribed in the notifications regarding grant of scholarships, subject to the availability of funds.

" (*b*) Rs. 16,40,598.

" (*c*) Twenty-two thousand nine hundred and three."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" Is it a fact that residential scholarships were not sanctioned to all the Harijan students studying in the various high schools of this State for want of funds?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is not a fact, Sir."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" The amount of residential and non-residential scholarships granted in the Coimbatore district every year is much less compared with the amounts granted in the other districts and this fact has been brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister very often. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to see that scholarships are sanctioned to all the applicants from the Coimbatore district?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Scholarships are sanctioned according to the availability of funds and distributed in the most even manner among all the districts."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Is there any proposal under the consideration of the Government for raising the income limit of parents of Harijan students for the purpose of granting scholarships?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter is under consideration."

AN HON. MEMBER :—" Is any preference shown to the famine-affected areas of Rayalaseema?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" In every manner preference is shown to famine-affected areas."

Land assignment to Danamanyam Co-operative Agricultural Colonisation Scheme.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Jagannathan is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received recently any petition from Sri D. Parasuram, Organizer for the Danamanyam Co-operative Agricultural Colonisation Scheme, requesting for the early assignment of waste lands to the society; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter so far?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) The request is under consideration."

Construction of roads in Ongole taluk.

* 1210 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI: Will the Hon the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) the number of roads constructed by the Rural Development Department in Ongole taluk, up to 31st March 1953;

(b) the amount spent by the Government for this purpose;

(c) the amount of local contributions in each case; and

(d) whether any proposals were given up because of local objections?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (a) Thirty-three.

" (b) Rs. 1,32,671.

" (c) Rs. 48,073 in all.

" (d) No."

SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI :—" I think the answer to clause (d) is not correct. There was a road and the Hon. Minister for Rural Welfare accepted on the floor of this House that it was dropped. Will the Hon. Minister reconsider and take up the construction of the road? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" No road has been dropped; a road cannot be dropped, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI :—" There was a proposal to construct a road between Errapalem and Timmannapalem. On the recommendation of the Hon. Minister, the proposal was dropped. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to reconsider the question? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I did not know that the hon. Member meant that proposal. Regarding the proposal, it has not been dropped and it is being examined. There is plenty of opposition to it. As I said the other day, until the Collector is satisfied that there is no opposition to, or any quarrel over the issue, nothing will be decided."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Will the Hon. Minister revise the policy and see that local contributions are not collected in very backward areas? "